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For:	SERVER APPARATUS, DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, CONSUMABLE MANAGEMENT METHOD, AND MEMORY MEDIUM AND PROGRAM THEREFOR	; ;) ;	May 25, 2004			

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,305,199 U.S. Patent No. 6,142,371 U.S. Patent No. 5,594,529 Japan 62-280961 Japan 62-280771 Japan 06-149851 Japan 09-167182 Japan 11-312273 Japan 08-152824

It is noted that U.S. Patents 5,305,199, 6,142,371 and 5,594,529 are English language counterparts of Japan 06-149851, 11-312273 and 08-152824, respectively, and

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		5,305,199	04/19/94	LoBiondo et al.		364	403			
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	JP	62-280961 ·	05/12/87	Japan				Abstract		
	JP	62-280771	05/12/87	Japan				Abstract		
	JP	06-149851	05/31/94	Japan				Abstract		
	JP	09-167182	06/24/97	Japan				Abstract		
	JP	11-312273 ·	11/09/99	Japan				Abstract		
	JP	08-152824	06/11/96	Japan				Abstract		
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therefore, the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the U.S. counterparts.

English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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